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Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology Vice-Chancellor Prof Sirajul Karim Chowdhury was prevented from entering the campus yesterday as some students, teachers and staff, under the banner "Proгатisheel Chhatra-Shikhhak-Karmakarta-Karmachari Oikkya Parishad", locked the main entrance, demanding his resignation.

## Elderly woman killed in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals strangled an elderly woman at her residence in the capital's Khilkhet on Thursday night and stole money and gold ornaments.

The deceased, Rawshan Ara, 65, was residing with two of her sons at a rented third floor apartment of a five-story building in Namapara Khilkhet.

Rawshan's son Jahangir Alam said he found his mother lying on the floor when he entered the flat at midnight. She was declared dead at Mohakhali Metropolitan Hospital, he told The Daily Star.

Dhaka Medical College morgue sources said Rawshan Ara was strangled to death, and injury marks were found around her neck.

Alam said the killers took away Tk 2 lakh in cash, six tolas of gold ornaments, and a television. He said the house owner's two addict sons might have committed the killing, as they had been missing since the incident.

The money and gold ornaments were collected for the wedding of one of her two sons, which was supposed to take place within a few weeks, Alam said.

Khilkhet police visited the spot and said they were investigating the incident.

## Ruet VC forced out of campus

RU CORRESPONDENT

In the face of demonstration of a section of teachers, students and staff of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet), the university's vice chancellor and his wife could not enter the campus and their residence yesterday.

The agitators stopped Ruet Vice Chancellor Prof Sirajul Karim Chowdhury and his wife at the university main gate around 11:10am, witness said.

Under the banner of "Proгатisheel Chhatra-Shikhhak-Karmakarta-Karmachari Oikkya Parishad", the university's some students, teachers and staff have been demonstrating on the campus since November 16 demanding removal of the VC.

According to witnesses, the agitators also hurled epithets at the VC and his wife when they tried to enter the campus.

They also staged demonstration inside the main gate and chanted slogans against the VC demanding his resignation.

Despite repeated attempts for about an hour, Prof Sirajul Karim and his wife could not enter the campus, and later they left the area for one of their relative's house in the city, according to witnesses.

Later, addressing a rally, oikkya parishad convener, Dr Kamruzzaman Sarkar, said they would not allow the VC to enter the campus and his residence before his resignation.

The allegations raised against the VC at the rally are -- patronising of BNP-Jamaat on the campus, cancelling the result of election to Ruet teachers' association, not completing the construction work of a Shaheed Minar on the campus, and tampering with the final year result of a student.

Despite repeated attempts over cellphone, Prof Sirajul Karim could not be contacted.

## Road crashes kill 4, injure 30

METRO DESK

Four people were killed and thirty others injured in road accidents in Dhaka, Manikganj and Satkhira yesterday.

BSS reports, rickshaw-van puller Mojibur Rahman, 30, died instantly as a truck hit his van on Urojahaj crossing in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area early yesterday.

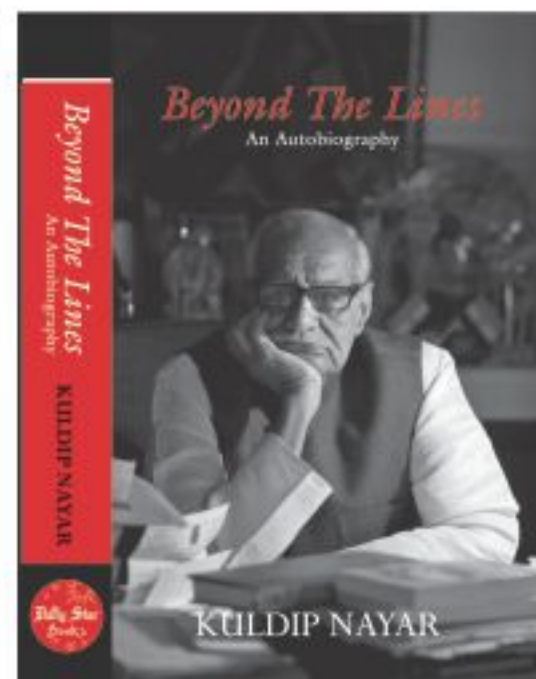
Our Manikganj correspondent reports, a jute mill worker was killed and ten others injured as a bus fell into a ditch beside Dhaka-Paturia highway in Kashadaha bridge area of Shivalaya upazila in Manikganj yesterday morning.

The victim Akter Hossain, 40, son of Habibur Mollah of Boalmari in Faridpur, was the jute supervisor of Ratanpur Jute Spinners Mill at Barangail, Manikganj.

UNB from Satkhira reports, two persons were killed and 20 others injured as a bus hit a tree beside Satkhira-Ashashuni road on Dhulihur Ramchandrapur crossing in sadar upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased were Proshanto Kumar Ghosh, 50, of Brahmorajpur village, and Idul, 22, son of Khalilur Rahman of Umrpara in sadar upazila.

Agitating locals set the bus afire.



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